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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are now under consideration. Claims 1, 5, and 8 have been amended with this paper, and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the amendments and following remarks and allow this application.

Applicants submit that this amendment after final places this application in condition for allowance by amending the independent claims in a manner that is believed to render all pending claims allowable over the cited art. This amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented because Applicants thought that the prior response placed this application in condition for allowance, for at least the reasons discussed in those responses. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment, as an earnest attempt to advance prosecution, is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

Rejections Under 35 USC 103

While not acceding to the Examiner's grounds of rejection of claims 1-8, and with consideration that this application is under final rejection, independent claims 1, 5, and 8 have been amended to further comprise "a starch." It is submitted that these amendments to the claims overcome the rejections of record. Because none of the references of record teaches or suggests all of the limitations of independent claims 1, 5, and 8, rejection of these claims is improper and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

It should be understood that the above remarks are not intended to provide an exhaustive basis for patentability or concede the basis for the rejections in the Final Office Action but are simply provided to overcome the rejections made in the Final Office Action in the most expedient fashion.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed

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the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative.

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